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## **TWO KC MEN INDICTED FOR ASSAULT ON OFFICERS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for assaulting eight law enforcement officers during a vehicle pursuit.

**Christopher J. Cooper**, 20, and **Darris P. Mack**, 19, both of Kansas City, were charged in an eight-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Counts One through Eight of the federal indictment allege that **Cooper** and **Mack** assaulted three Kansas City, Mo., Police detectives, a Kansas City Police Department sergeant, a Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent, two Deputy United States Marshals and a Drug Enforcement Administration special agent with a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice automobile on Feb. 9, 2005, in Jackson County, Mo.

Today's indictment replaces a criminal complaint that was filed in federal court on Feb. 10, 2005, in Kansas City.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, the law enforcement officers were attempting to apprehend the defendants in the vicinity of 4240 Holly St. and Westport Road at the time of the alleged assault. At the time, the officers had used their vehicles to surround the defendants' vehicle, which was being driven by **Cooper**. Once surrounded, the affidavit states, **Cooper** used the vehicle to evade arrest causing the officers to avoid being struck by running out of its path. During the defendant's attempts, **Cooper** struck a fire hydrant and backed into a brick wall narrowly missing each of the officers on several occasions.

The defendants were eventually stopped after driving the vehicle over stop sticks that officers had placed in the street near the intersection of 35<sup>th</sup> and Wabash.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury,

whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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